

THE THINGS PEOPLE SAY WAITING FOR HIM TO SLIP TO COME
OUT OF THE TREES

he was full of
fun full of
hell but he'd
get moody
for days i

don't think my
mother ever
kissed him at
25 he pulled a
pellet gun on a
football player
and his girl fled
then in the trees
raped the girl

he had a stutter
he was not self
possessed he
was always willing
to help but no
one cared except
for what they
could get out
of him he could

lift a car he
went after young
girls he didn't
know what to
do with women
so he forced
them his

sister says
it's too bad
fate he was

afraid of guns
liked the earth
liked flowers but
he never had
time they

won't take him
alive he said the
years the loneliness
are too much

THE THIRD DAY
THE TESTIMONY

he said he did
not recall the

rapes the
killings 7 in a

few not till he
pieced things to

gether i'm very
good at that i

never knew their
names i'm

telling you be
cause i'm living

on borrowed i
don't know

what's true
what isn't

if i had i'd
have told before

they kicked me
between my legs